CLAIMS

1. A method for facilitating use of the global positioning system (GPS) , the method comprising the steps of:

    coupling a client device to a network and to a GPS device;

    using the client device to access a database through the network, the database containing the GPS coordinates that correspond to a plurality of locations;

    obtaining from the database the GPS coordinates corresponding to at least one location; and

    providing the GPS coordinates corresponding to the at least one location to the GPS device.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing the GPS coordinates to the GPS device is performed automatically.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accessing a database comprises the steps of:

    accessing a predefined web page through the client device, the predefined web page being coupled to the database; and

    accessing the database through the predefined web page.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of accessing a predefined web page comprises the steps of:

    browsing to a particular location on the web through the client device;

    receiving in the client device a web page associated with the location, the web page including a link to the database; and

    displaying the web page associated with the location on a display associated with the client device.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accessing a database

2   comprises the steps of:

3   accessing an e-mail application through the client device, the e-mail

4   application being coupled to the database; and

5   accessing the database through the e-mail application.

1   7.   The method of claim 6, wherein the step of accessing an e-mail

2   application comprises the steps of:

3   establishing communication between the client device and an e-mail

4   server; and

5   accessing the e-mail application through the e-mail server.

1   8.   A system for facilitating use of the global positioning system (GPS),

2   comprising:

3   a client device coupled to a network and to a GPS device;

4   a database coupled to the network through a server device, the database

5   containing the GPS coordinates that correspond to a plurality of locations; and

6   wherein the client device obtains from the database the GPS

7   coordinates that correspond to a location and provides the coordinates to the GPS

8   device.

1   9.   The system of claim 8, wherein the GPS coordinates obtained from the

2   database are provided to the GPS device automatically.

1   10.   The system of claim 8, wherein the GPS device is part of the client

2   device.

1   11.   The system of claim 8, wherein the GPS device is located remotely

2   from the client device.

1   12.   The system of claim 8, wherein the client device is a personal computer

2   (PC).

1   13.   The system of claim 8, wherein the client device is a personal digital

2   assistant (PDA).

1   14.   The system of claim 8, wherein the client device is a cellular telephone.

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1   15.   A computer readable medium for facilitating use of the global

2   positioning system (GPS), comprising:

3   logic configured to couple a client device to a network and to a GPS

4   device, to use the client device to access a database through the network, the database

5   containing the GPS coordinates that correspond to a plurality of locations, to obtain

6   from the database the GPS coordinates corresponding to at least one location, and to

7   provide the GPS coordinates corresponding to at least one location to the GPS device.

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1   16.   The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein the GPS

2   coordinates corresponding to the at least one location are provided to the GPS device

3   automatically.

1   17.   The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein the network is the

2   Internet.

1   18.   The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the database is

2   accessed by accessing a predefined web page that is coupled to the database.

1   19.   The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the predefined

2   web page is accessed by:

3   logic in the client device configured to browse to a particular location

4   on the web, to receive a web page associated with the location, the web page including

5   a link to the database, and to display the web page associated with the location on a

6   display associated with the client device.

1   20.   The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein the database is

2   accessed by accessing an e-mail application that is coupled to the database.